

A TERRIBLE AFFLCTION.—On the forks of Wood river there has lived for ten years past a honest German, named Henry Webber, a happy husband and father of six children. Last week, on going home to dinner, he was surprised to find his team hitched to his wagon, on the household furniture loaded in the wagon, in which was his wife and six children, driven ready to start. On inquiry what all this meant, his hired man, also a German, gave Webber to understand that it was none of his business, and presenting a six shooter, a day or two ago, from Mr. J. S. Newman, President of the Indiana Central, and Mr. A. Hutchinson, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh, Columbus & Cincinnati, (Shenango short line) Railroads, who were on business, visiting this city.

The roads represented by these gentlemen form, with their connections, the shortest and most pleasant route to the East, and will recommend themselves to all who travel over them.

The roads are comparatively smooth and in excellent condition, free from trestle work or high bridges. A large portion of them being bordered with rock, they are more free from dust than most routes we have traveled over. By being provided with elegant and well arranged sleeping cars, travelers by the night trains can enjoy the comfort of a good night's rest and sleep. In fact the entire ordering of the roads is such as to insure the comfort and safety of those passing over this route, while the officers, conductors and employees are exceeding- ly polite, courteous and affable—assiduous in their efforts to secure the comfort of those traveling with them.

We had recently a delightful ride over this route and speak understandingly.

TELGRAPH TO THE PACIFIC.—The magnetic telegraph has been extended to Atchison, on the Missouri River, and is still on its way westward. From the Pacific side the work is extending to Salt Lake City. It will probably not be very long before the two will be made to unite, and give complete telegraphic connection from the Atlantic to the Pacific.—The Pike's Peak settlements will probably be soon in operation.

THE EXPORT OF SPECIES.—The export of species from New York, from Jan. 1st up to Saturday last was, in round numbers, \$47,000,000 and from Boston about \$10,000,000—total \$57,000,000. The receipts in the same period from California and other sources, have not exceeded \$28,000,000. The difference, \$29,000,000, has been drawn from the banks and the pockets of the people.

THE GYMNASIUM.—The Directors of this institution have instructed the Secretary to proceed forthwith to collect the money subscribed towards the establishment of a gymnasium. We may say promptly, that the gymnasium may be in operation as soon as possible.

THE ULYSSEAN LIBRARY SOCIETY give a free exhibition at the Lecture Room of the City School House this evening. The public are invited to attend.

Dr. Jennings Wise, we learn, was educated at Indiana University, Bloomington. The New Albany *Ledger* says he is well known to many in this State. Governor Wise sent him and another son to that institution on account of the warm friendship he entertained for Dr. Wise, at that time its President.

UNITED STATES FAIR.—The Seventh Annual Exhibition of the U. S. Agricultural Society will take place at Chicago—commencing on the 12th inst., and continuing until the 17th. The location selected for the exhibition is "Cottage Grove," a beautiful place, some three miles from the business part of the city.

A statistical report read before the Cincinnati Horticultural Society shows that the value of small berries sold in that city during the past season amounted to \$106,000.—If this is a fair exhibit of the consumption, in cluding strawberries, raspberries, &c., &c., the value of the blackberry crop has been greatly over estimated.

TOPEKA IS TO BE THE CAPITAL OF KANSAS, under the new constitution. The Legislature is to consist of 72 Representatives and 21 Senators.

THE NEW PRISON COMMISSIONERS have withdrawn their claim for salary. Judge Wallace has issued a mandate to the Auditor of State to pay the premium and expenses of the Commissioners.

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A WOMAN'S DUTY.—Some one suggests that Stephen A. Douglas did not first conceive the idea of publishing his opinion in *Harper's Magazine*, but that the thing was contrived by his ingenious, talented and charming wife. It does certainly seem like a woman's duty to think that of a grave and dignified Senator, and undoubtfully there is much truth in the suggestion. Give us a woman to lay a plan at any time, and for executing it, too.

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